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CHEROKEE ONLY FOR AMB LEONARD

FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 09004 FM USDEL SECRETARY AIRCRAFT  
TO WHITE HOUSE, STATE AUG 21.

QUOTE S E C R E T SECTO 09004

NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, TECH, US, SF  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA NUCLEAR QUESTION

REF: A) STATE 199063; B) STATE 199068

1. IF THE SAG IS IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE KIND  
OF RESPONSE THAT FOURIE HAS INDICATED IN HIS TELEPHONE  
CALL TO BOWDLER, THIS WILL CALL FOR AN ENTIRELY  
DIFFERENT STATEMENT AT THE LAGOS CONFERENCE WHEN THE  
NUCLEAR ISSUE ARISES. ON THE BASIS OF THE THREE  
AFFIRMATIONS AND WITH WHATEVER GENERAL STATEMENT CAN  
BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE NPT, THERE SHOULD BE

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SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION TO DELAY WITH THE QUESTION. THIS  
WOULD STILL INVOLVE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE U.S.  
POLICY ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AS SET FORTH IN THE  
OPENING PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT TEXT GIVEN IN THE  
REFTEL, WITH THE ADDITION OF THOSE ASPECTS OF THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION THAT MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS.  
THIS IS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE CAN TAKE A POSITIVE

APPROACH.

2. AS FAR AS THE TEXT PROVIDED IN REFTEL A FOR THE CONTINGENCY THAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES, PARAGRAPHS 1-5 ARE APPROVED.

3. PARAGRAPH 6 SHOULD BE DELETED.

4. PARAGRAPH 7 SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:  
17953: WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING INTENSIVE AND URGENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN RECENT DAYS. IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, WE HAVE SOUGHT FIRM ASSURANCES. WE HAVE ASKED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO:

--PROVIDE FIRM ASSURANCES THAT THEY ARE NOT MAKING PREPARATIONS TO TEST NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES:

-- PLEDGE THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE OR INTEND TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY PURPOSE, PEACEFUL OR OTHERWISE:

-- PROVIDE FIRM ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTING OF ANY KIND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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WE HAVE ALSO INTENSIFIED OUR EFFORT TO GET SOUTH AFRICA TO PLACE ALL ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER FULL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND TO DECARE ITS INTENTION TO SIGN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. UNQUOTE

5. PARAGRAPH 8 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL RECEIVE THESE ASSURANCES. WE AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM SAG, WHICH WE EXPECT TO

BE RECEIVED SHORTLY. UNQUOTE.

6. PARAGRAPHS 1, 10 AND 11 SHOULD BE DELETED.

7. FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI AT THE WHITE HOUSE: PLEASE TAKE THIS MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND INFORM ME OF HIS REACTION SO THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FIELD WILL FULLY REFLECT HIS VIEWS.  
AS YOU KNOW, HE HAS SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT THIS MATTER AND IS CONCERNED THAT WE NOT RIDE THE ISSUE HARDER THAN IT NEEDS TO BE AT THIS POINT.

8. FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY: WITH RESPECT TO THE

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS CONTAINED IN REF B, I WOULD LIKE  
TO HAVE BOWDLER'S REPORT OF HIS AUGUST 21 CONVERSATION  
WITH FOURIE BEFORE DECIDING WHICH OF THE STATEMENTS  
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MAKE AT LAGOS. PLEASE  
HAVE BOWDLER SEND ME A COPY OF THIS REPORT DIRECTLY,  
NIACT IMMEDIATE. VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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